

THE POLAR EXPEDITION.

Remarks of Senator Teller.
The following remarks of Hon. J. W. MILLER of N. J., in exploration and defense of the bill just passed by Congress in aid of Mr. H. GRINNELL's expedition, will explain the grounds on which our national aid is invoked for the polar undertaking:

Mr. MILLER.—I prefer that the Government should have the entire control of this enterprise; but, sir, I do not think that can be accomplished; at all events, it cannot within the time required to produce the good results which are to be derived from this expedition. It is well known to all that the undersigned is of Sir John Franklin and his companions has attached the attention and called forth the sympathies of the civilized world. This Government, sir, has done its full duty in the end. An application was made to the Government of my country, and one which was cheerfully entertained by the President, and which he was anxious should be complied with—but it is known to the country and to the Senate that, although the President had every disposition to send out an expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, it was found upon inquiry that we had no ship fitted for the purpose, that for the execution of this kind, and also for this sort of navigation. The Executive was therefore obliged for want of authority to do what it aimed to do, to take further action on this subject, and the Senate should meet and take some measures.

In the mean time, Mr. Grinnell, one of the most respectable and worthy members of the City of New York, understood the difficulty that the Government had in fitting up the expedition, has gone to work, and with his own means has built two small vessels especially prepared for the expedition; and he now most generously tendered them to the Government, not to be under his own control, but the control of the Government, and to be made part of the navy of the United States.

The honorable Senator from Alabama (Mr. King) is mistaken with regard to the terms and effect of this resolution. This resolution places these two ships under the control of the Government, as much so as if they were built expressly for the navy of the United States. Their direction, their fitting out, their officers and men, are all to be under the control of the Executive. Their officers are to be the officers of our navy—their seamen the seamen of our navy—so that the expedition will be as thoroughly under the control of this Government as if the ships belonged to us. Now, sir, I should have no objections myself to amend this resolution so as to authorize the purchase of these two small vessels at once, and make them a part of our naval establishment; but when I resolved the magnanimous feeling which urged this noble-hearted merchant to prepare these ships, I make known that that same feeling would forbid him to make merchandise of that which he has devoted to humanity. He offers them for this great cause; they are his property, prepared for this enterprise, and he offers them to us to be used by the Government in this great undertaking. We must either accept them for the purpose to which he has dedicated them, or reject them altogether. If we refuse these ships, we will defeat the whole enterprise, and lose all opportunity of participation in a work of humanity which now commands the attention of the world.

If we refer this resolution back to the Committee, and they report a bill authorizing Government to build ships to carry on the expedition on its own account, would be attended with very great delay, and, in my opinion, defeat the object we have in view. In a case of this kind time is everything. It must be done speedily, if done at all. Every hour's delay may be worth the life of a man. Sir John Franklin and his companions may have perished, but our hope is that they are still living in some narrow sea, imprisoned by walls of ice, where our succor may yet reach them. But, sir, whether our hopes are fallacious or not, the public feeling—the feeling of humanity—is that Sir John Franklin should, if possible, be ascertained, and as soon as possible. The public mind will never be satisfied till an expedition from this country, or from some other country, shall have ascertained that late. I therefore trust that this resolution, as it will be acted upon at once, and that it will receive the unanimous vote of the Senate.

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NAMES CHANGED.—China Grove, Williamsburg District, S. C.—name changed to "Black Mingo."

THE POISONING CASE AT NEWBURGH.—A post mortem examination of the body of Mr. Peck's child who died, as is supposed, of poison concealed in a piece of cake, has resulted in the discovery of a white substance in the intestines, supposed to be arsenic. The *Excelsior* says the contents of the stomach and the small intestines were sent to Prof. Chilton, chemist, of this city, for analysis.

On Thursday the intelligence was received from him that he found arsenic in the stomach. No clue has been discovered to the perpetrator of this diabolical outrage. The jury had several meetings, but had not concluded their investigations at our last information.

JUDGE STORY AND THE LAW SCHOOL AT CAMBRIDGE.—The Committee appointed by the Board of Overseers of this institution to investigate its condition, have recommended, through their Chairman, Charles Sumner, Esq., the establishment of a Professorship of "Commercial Law and the Law of Nations," as the most appropriate mode of testifying a proper respect for the memory of their late benefactor and fellow-laborer, Judge Story.

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